

## **FACT SHEET**

## OAKLAND HARBOR DEEPENING, CALIFORNIA

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:** 6th District, Rep. Lynn Woolsey; 8th District, Rep. Nancy Pelosi; 9th District, Rep. Barbara Lee; and 13th District, Rep. Pete Stark

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Oakland Harbor is located in the city of Oakland, on the eastern shore of central San Francisco Bay, immediately south of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. Behind Los Angeles, Oakland Harbor is the second largest port on the West Coast and the fifth largest container port in the nation. Traffic consists primarily of containers and container ships. Ports around the world are increasing channel depths and expanding throughput capacity to compete for the next generation of deep-draft container ships. The project is proposing to deepen the federal channels of the Oakland Harbor and Port-maintained berths from 42' to depths of 50' below Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). In constructing this project, up to 12.8 million cubic yards of sediment would be dredged, which will require disposal. The recommended plan has a benefit-cost-ratio greater than 6.4 to 1. The estimated construction cost is \$287 million, including \$38 million of local service facilities (berth rehabilitation and deepening). Approximately 7.0 mcy of dredged material would be deposited in the middle harbor enhancement area (MHEA); 2.5 mcy of dredged material would be transported to the proposed Hamilton Wetlands Restoration project (HWRP); 2.9 mcy of dredged material would be disposed of at the existing Montezuma Wetlands Restoration project (MWRP); and 0.1 mcy of dredged material would be sent to an upland land fill.

FISCAL YEAR 2003 BUDGET: \$12,000,000

PRESENT STATUS: The -42' deepening project was completed in July 1998. A feasibility study and environmental impact statement/report for the -50' project was prepared by the Port under the authority of Sec. 203 of P. L. 99-662, and submitted to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works in February 1999. Chief's Report was signed 21 April 1999 and the Design Agreement for the -50' project PED was executed 24 March 1999. This project is authorized in WRDA 99 (17 August 1999). Record of Decision was signed on 8 October 1999. The Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) was signed and executed 24 May 2001. The first Inner Harbor Turning Basin construction contract was awarded 28 September 2001. The second Inner Harbor Turning Basin construction contract was awarded in February 2002 and is scheduled to complete in July 03.

**FUTURE EFFORTS:** Three new contracts are projected to be awarded, two in July 03 for demolition work in the Inner Harbor Turning Basin and installation of storm water treatment units in the Middle Harbor Enhancement Area and a continuing contract in August 03 for dredging and placement of Non-Cover and Wetland Cover material from the Inner Harbor at the Montezuma Wetland Restoration Project site.

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